

**REMARKS**

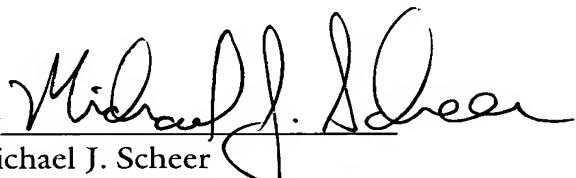
The multiple dependency of several claims has been removed and slight grammatical changes have been made to the claimset.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fee(s) be required, please charge such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

Dated: October 4, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

By   
Michael J. Scheer

Registration No.: 34,425

DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN &  
OSHINSKY LLP

1177 Avenue of the Americas

41st Floor

New York, New York 10036-2714

(212) 835-1400

Attorney for Applicant

MJS/da